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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/387,195	Applicant(s) ST. JOHN, VICKI	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1- 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kondo et al., “Surfin’ the World Wide Web with Japanese”.

As per claim 1, Kondo et al disclose a method for recognizing voice commands for manipulating data on the Internet, (see Title and Abstract), comprising the steps of:

providing data on a website on the Internet, (see page 1153, Fig. 1, “Internet”);
receiving voice signals form a user accessing the website, (see page 1153, Fig. 1, “Speech, Links, Commands, Queries”);
interpreting the voice signals of the user for determining navigational command, (see page 1153, Fig. 1, “Speech Recognizer”, “Interpretation”, “Speakable Commands”);
outputting selected data of the website based on the navigational commands, (see Fig. 1, “WWW browser”).

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As per claim 2, Kondo et al. disclose a method wherein the data includes a voice-activated application, the navigation commands controlling execution of the application, (see Abstract).

As per claim 3, Kondo et al. disclose a method wherein the user accesses the web site from at least one of a computer and a telephone, (This features are inherent to a method/system for accessing the Internet).

As per claim 4, Kondo et al. disclose a method comprising determining a language from the voice signals, (see page 1152, section 3.1).

As per claim 5, Kondo et al. disclose a method further comprising utilizing artificial intelligence to interact with the user, (see Fig. 1, "ruled heuristics").

As per claim 6, Kondo et al. disclose a method wherein the selected data includes voice signals and is outputted to a telephone, (see page 1153, Fig. 1 and Abstract).

As per claims 7-12, 13-18, Claims 7-12, 13-18 are similar in scope and content to claims 1-6 rejected above, therefore claims 7-12, 13-18 are rejected under the same rationale.

Conclusion


4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hemphill et al., "Speech-Aware Multimedia"

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richemond Dorvil whose telephone number is (703) 305-9645. The examiner can normally be reached on T-F 9:30 to 8:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch can be reached on 703 308-4825. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-9508 for regular communications and (703) 308-9051 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.


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